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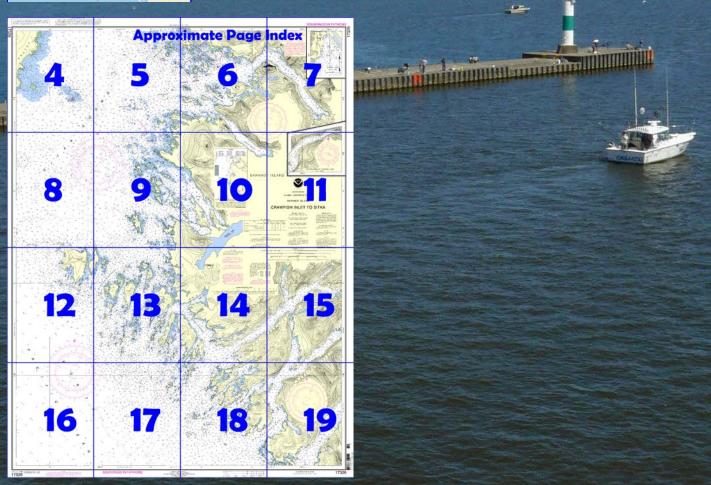
## Crawfish Inlet to Sitka NOAA Chart 17326



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This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Crawfish Inlets, with entrances 6.5 to 11.5 miles NW of North Cape (56°36'N., 135°08'W.), consist of two principal arms connected inland by Cedar Pass. The inlets and entrances are generally deep and clear, but between the two principal entrances are off-lying dangers.
Walker Channel is the SE entrance to Crawfish Inlet, and Aspid Cape, low and wooded, forms the SE point at the

entrance.

Jamboree Bay, with a depth of 5½ fathoms in the entrance, extends SE from the head of Walker Channel. In entering, keep in midchannel, and

anchor near the head of the bay in 10 to 17 fathoms with good holding ground. SE winds sweep through the anchorage with considerable force. **Rakof Islands** are a group of wooded islands between Walker Channel and the entrance to West Crawfish Inlet. **Beauchamp Island**, the largest island of the group, forms the NW side of Walker Channel. **Scow Island**, the SW island of the group, is W of Beauchamp Island.

Scow Bay indents the W shore of Beauchamp Island and is much used by local fishermen as an anchorage. Favor the SE shore when entering the bay, passing S of all the islands near the entrance. At the narrows leading to the basin at the head of the bay, a 10-foot shoal extends 100 yards NE from the island on the SE. Maintain midchannel between the charted rocks and island. There is good anchorage off the point about 0.8 mile above the entrance on the N shore of the bay in 10 fathoms, mud bottom; also in the basin at the head of the bay in 2½ to 3½ fathoms, mud bottom.

Middle Channel is a passage leading to Crawfish Inlet from the sea, midway between Walker Channel and West Crawfish Inlet. Setting a course from SW, to pass close to the NW side of Scow Island, then adjusting course as necessary to clear the island, islets, and rocks N of Scow Island will lead clear of the dangers up to this entrance. One mile inside this entrance, near midchannel, is a submerged rock with ¼-fathom over it and marked by kelp, which should preferably be passed to the S.

**Biali Rock**, bare and white, is the extreme W islet of a chain of bare islets that extend W from Rakof Islands. Foul ground extends for about 1 mile S and E of the rock. **South Rocks** are a group of rocks, awash at high water, near the SE limit of the foul ground.

An inside passage furnishes protection for small craft bound for Sitka. Pass E of Scow Island, avoiding the rock in midchannel, and through Cameron Pass. Favor the SE shore of Middle Channel until up to Second Narrows. Pass E of a large rock off the point, then favor the S shore, and take a midchannel course through the narrows. A shoal of 2½ fathoms is in Second Narrows. Head N until up to an opening leading NW. Favor the SW shore of this opening, passing a rock covered ¾-fathom in the center. Then head NE for about 0.6 mile and turn W around a point, passing in midchannel through First Narrows. Cross West Crawfish Inlet and enter Windy Passage.

**Crawfish Inlet** is deep and clear except for a rock that uncovers 3 feet in midchannel, about 3.5 miles from its junction with Walker Channel, Middle Channel, and Cedar Pass and a 4-fathom shoal on the E side of the channel in about 56°47'53"N., 135°05'45"W. and about 3 miles from the head. The inlet can be entered from seaward through Walker Channel or Middle Channel; the former is safer.

Cedar Pass, connecting Crawfish Inlet with West Crawfish Inlet, is suitable only for small craft. In using the pass, favor the W shore up to the narrows, then keep a midchannel course. Lodge Island is the large island that forms the W side of Cedar Pass. The bay formed by the bight in Lodge Island and the Rakof Islands, located between First Narrows and Second Narrows, affords good protection and anchorage for vessels up to 300 feet in length, clay bottom. Large vessels must enter the bay by passing N of Biali Rock outside of the 20 fathom contour and heading ENE to the narrow, deep cut between the Rakoff Islands. This cut is about 200 yards wide, but carries 15 fathoms at midchannel with no dangers extending from the steep vertical walls into the cut. Anchorage in 19 fathoms may be found 400 yards NW of the islet in the middle of the bay.

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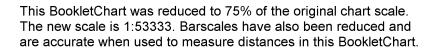
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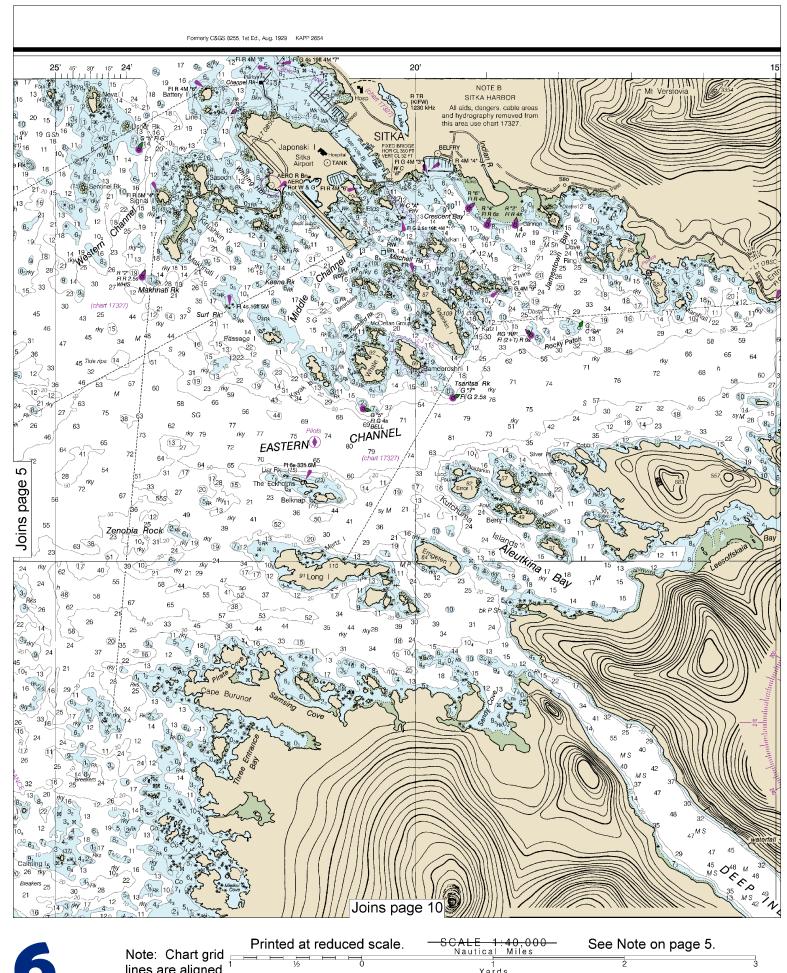
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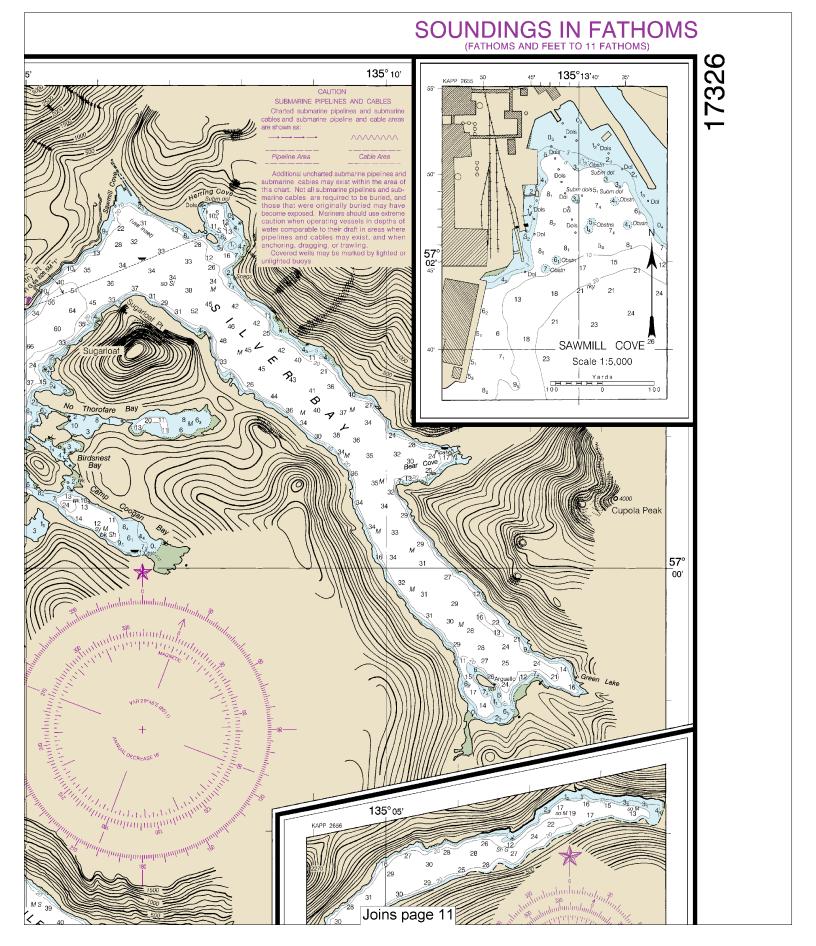
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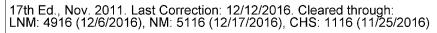


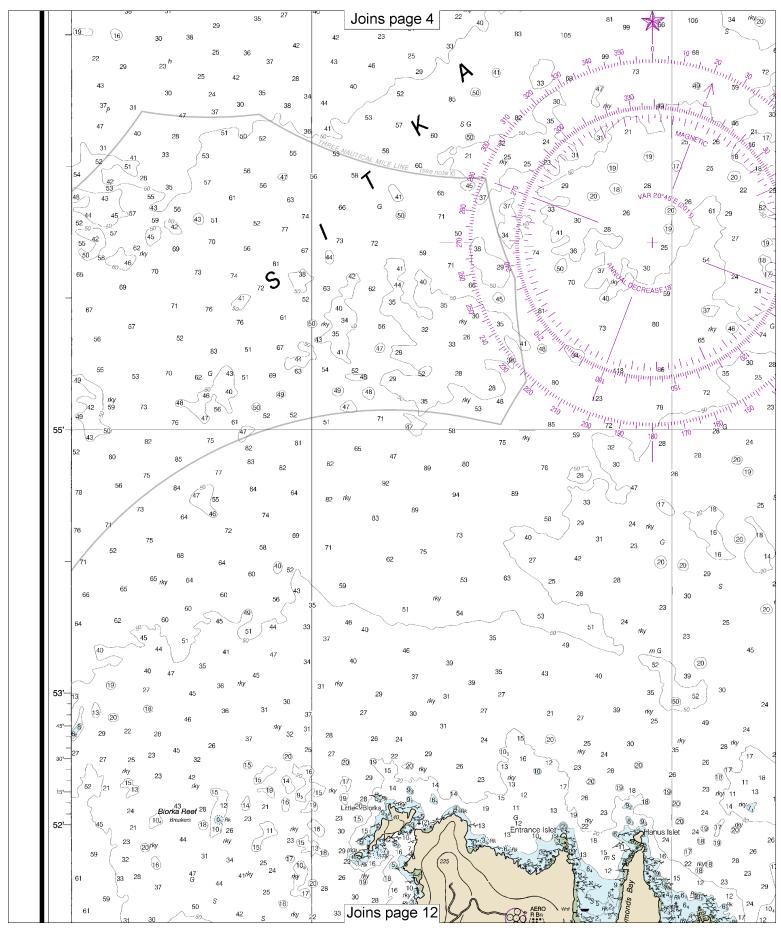




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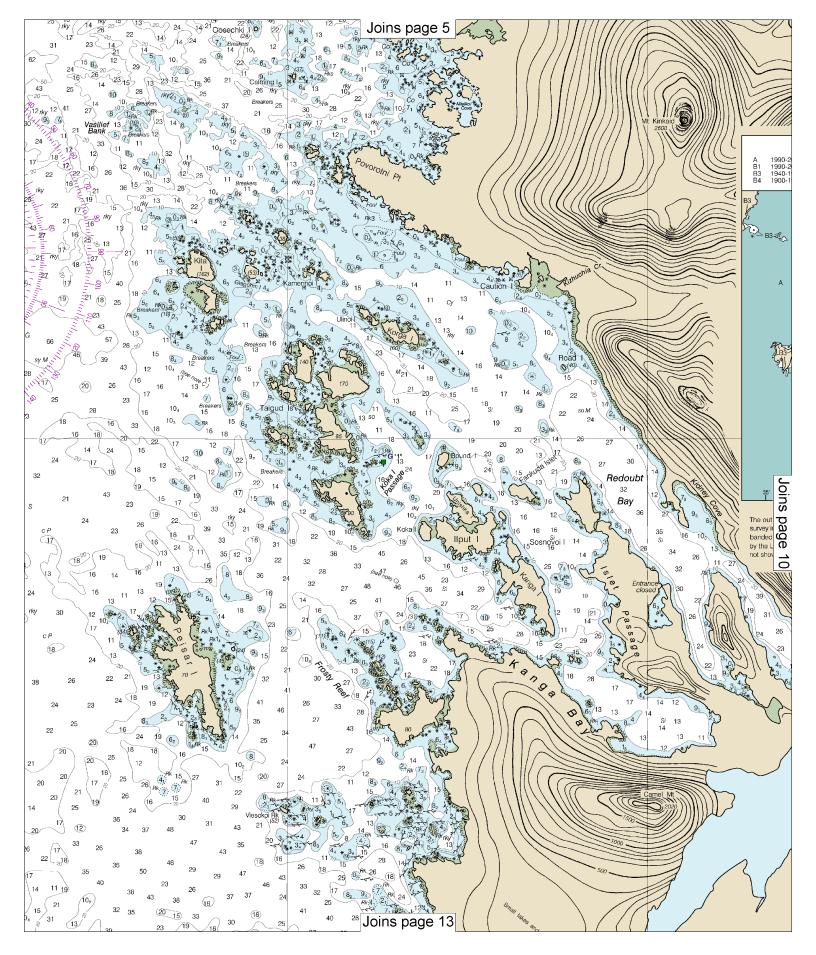
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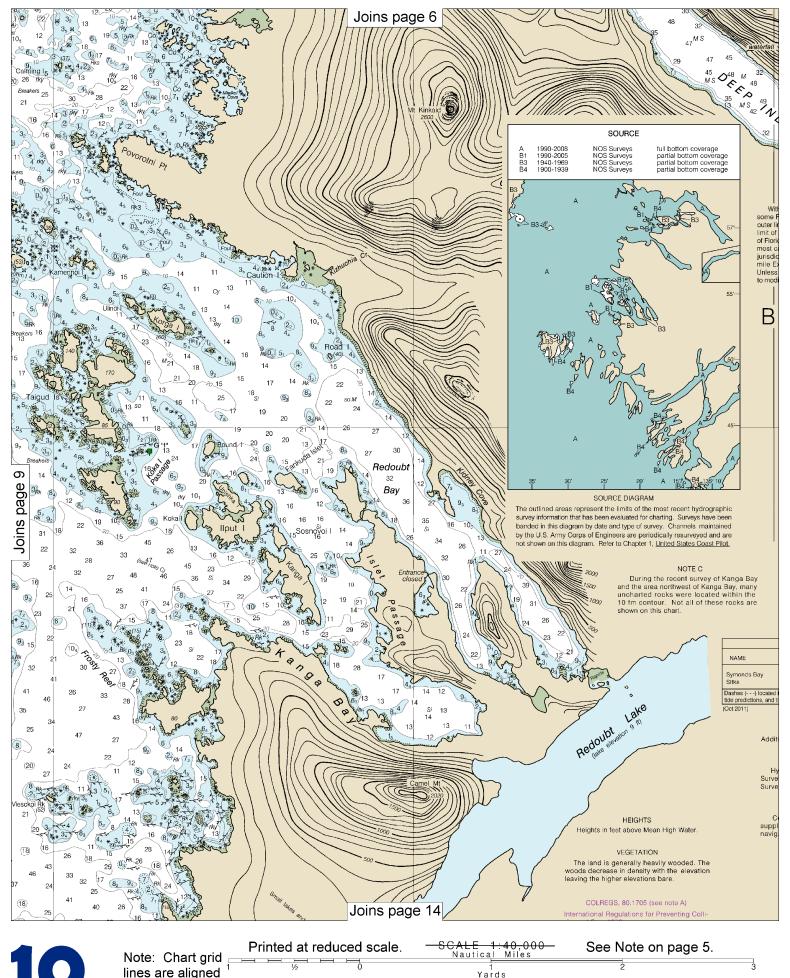
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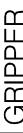
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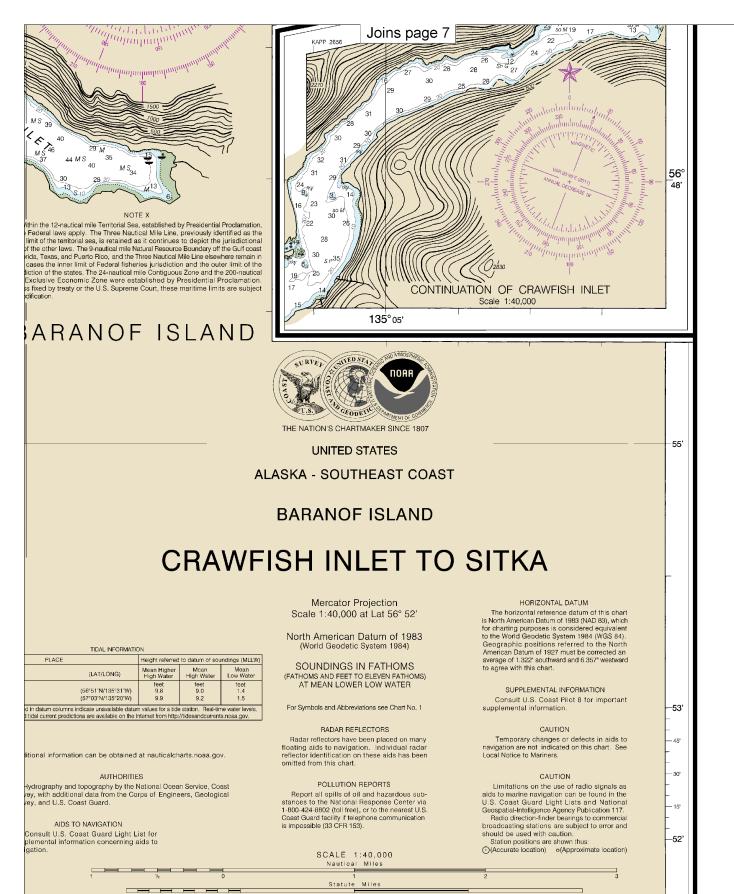




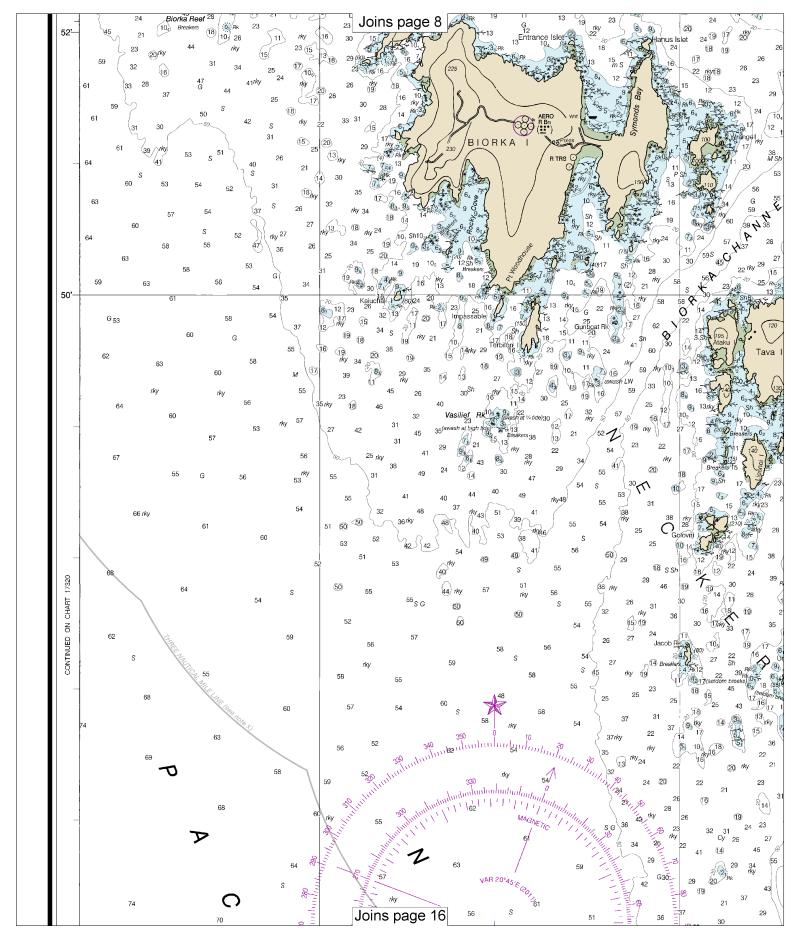


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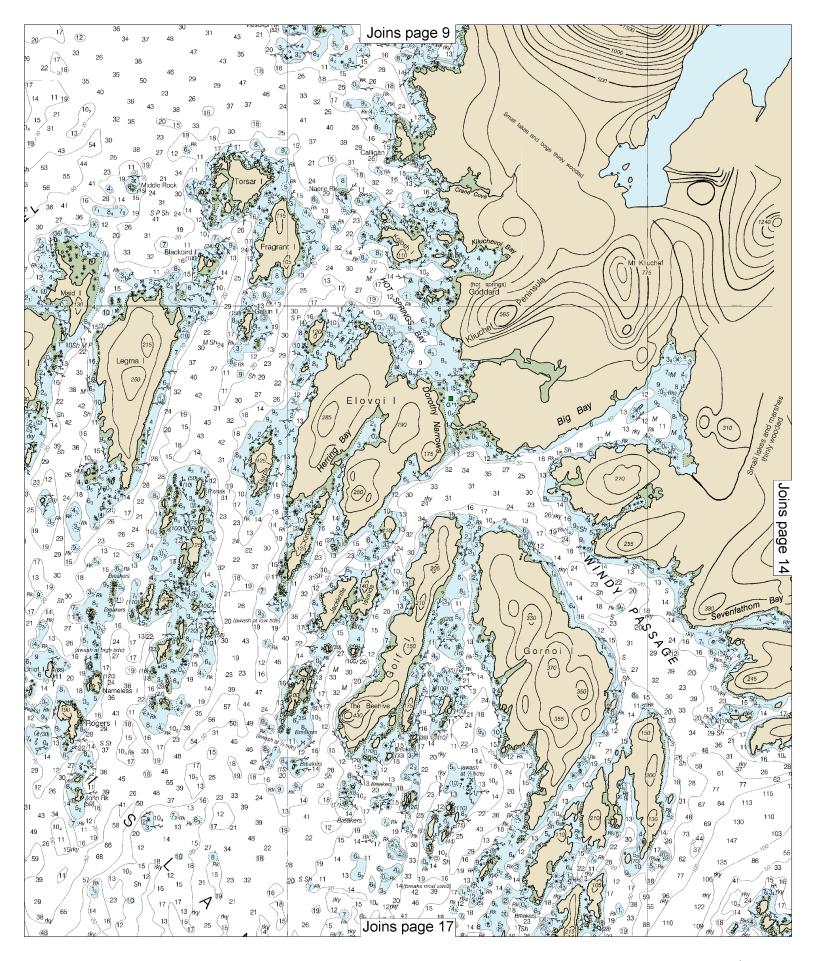
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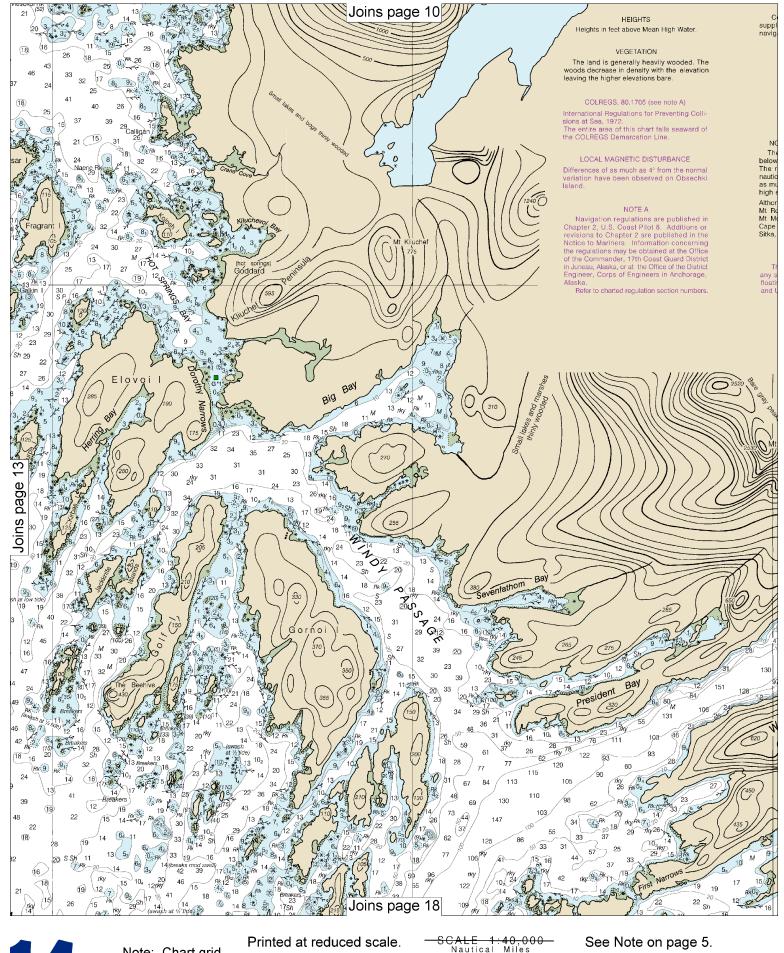
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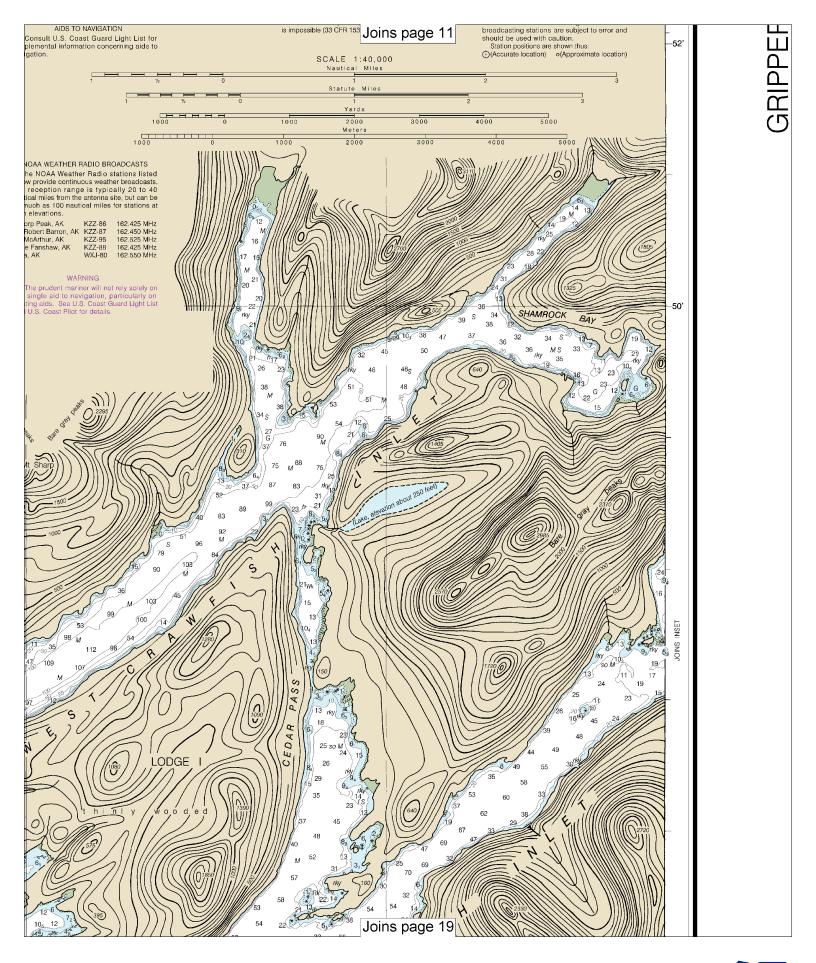
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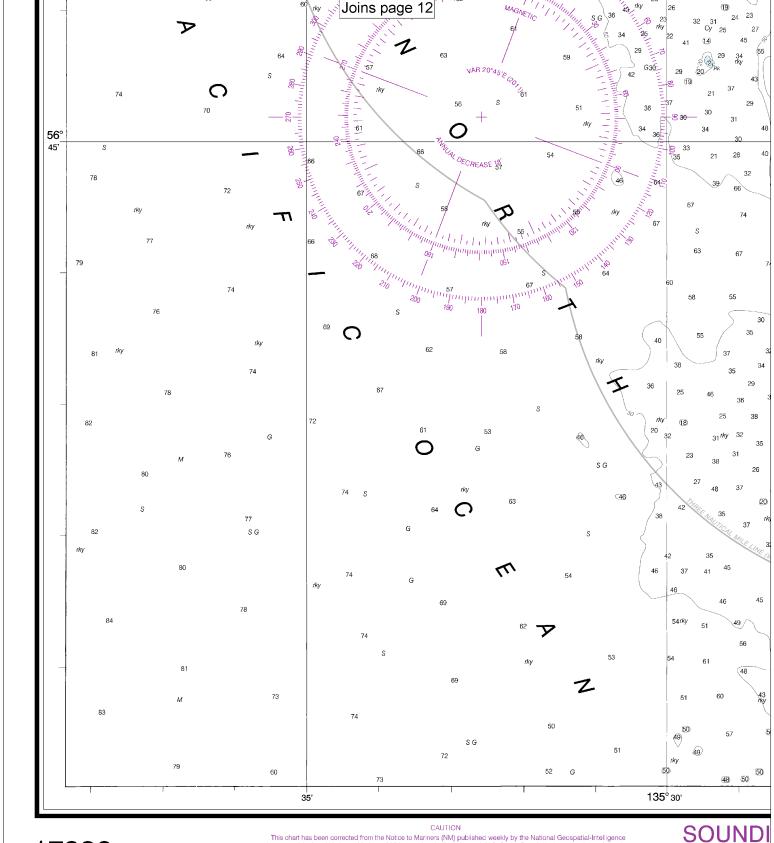
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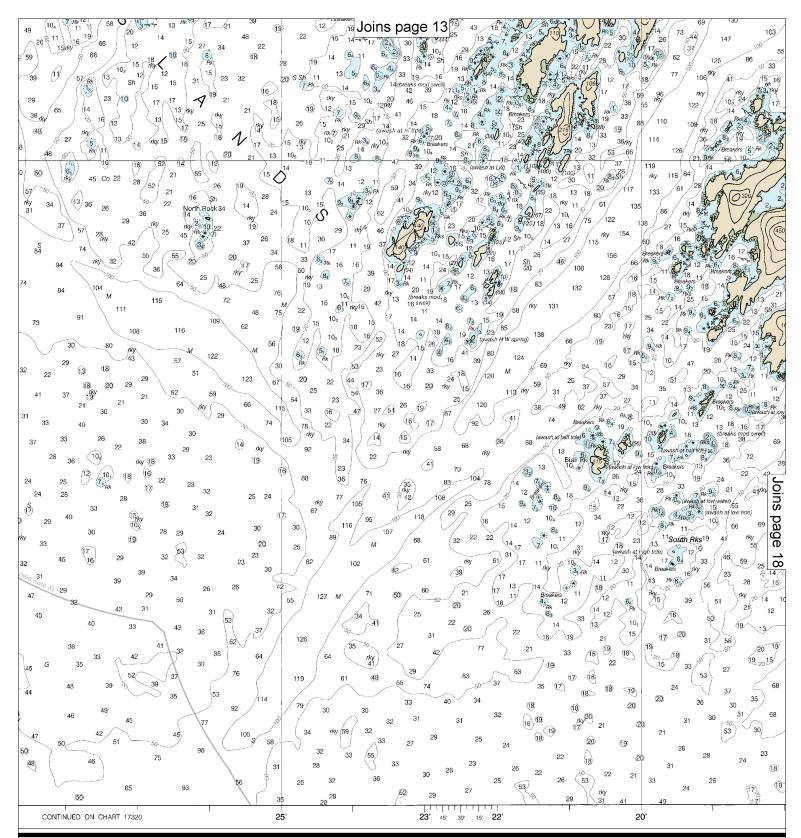
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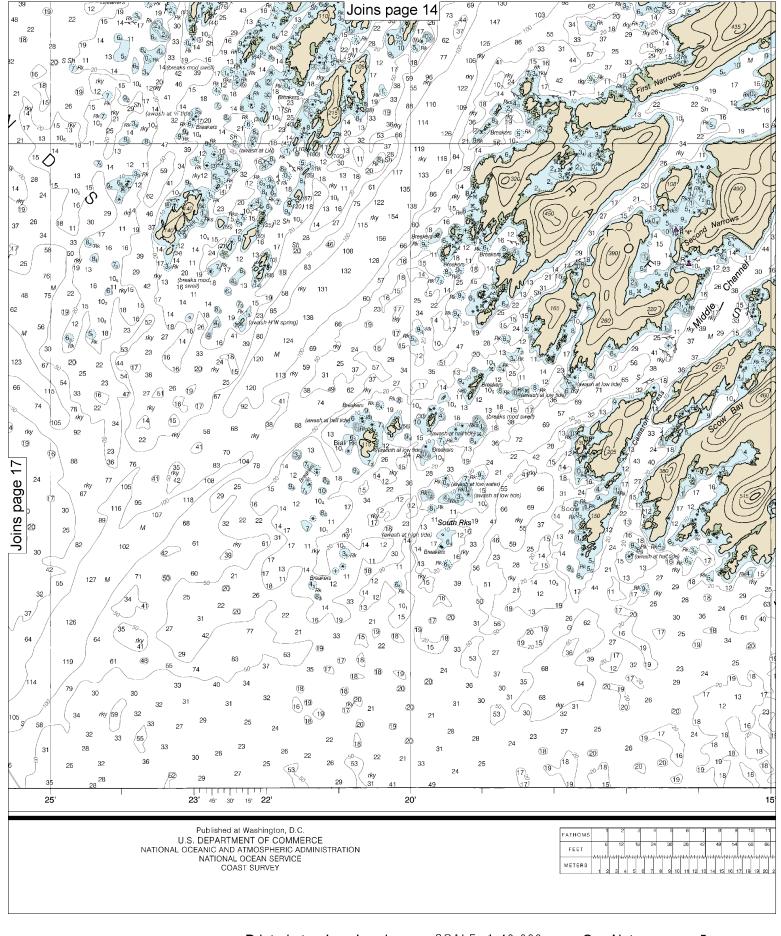
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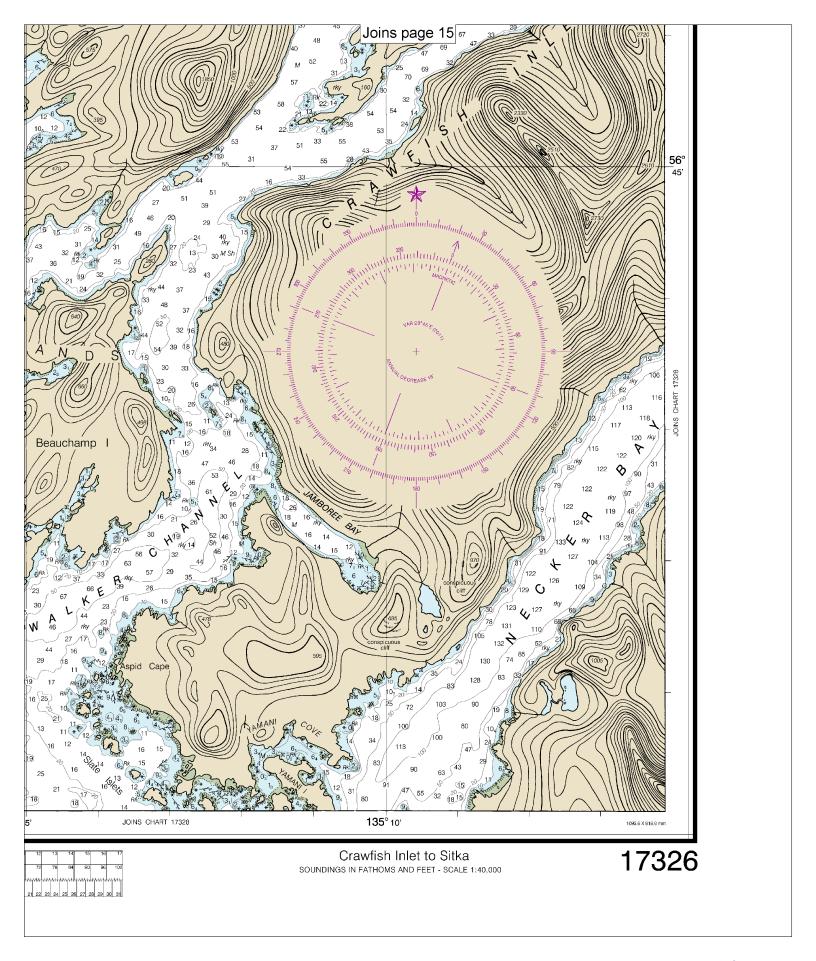
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**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16** – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

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### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

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